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Edward P. Morgan at 10:00 P.M. over WMAJ (Washington)
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QUOTES ALLEN DULLES SPEECH

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"Workers in capitalistic countries can never own cars but must always live in poverty. If you betray your family to the secret police, they may raise a statue in your honor. These are some of the things that Russian children learn in communist schools. But they are learning other things too, and the Director of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency, Allen W. Dulles, today raised the possibility of great changes in the Soviet system by the very impact of mass education.

"Dulles spoke at a commencement lunch at Columbia University where he was awarded an honorary degree. In introducing mass education, the intelligence chief said the troubled Soviet leaders have loosed forces dangerous to themselves. It will be very difficult for them henceforth to close off their own people from access to the realities of the outside world. The process of thought control, he said, may continue to affect the masses of Russian people. But will this equally be so, he asked, when the average educational level of those masses is at the tenth grade rather than in the seventh or lower? Dulles added: 'We know that some thoughtful Soviet citizens are beginning to see through these distortions.'

"He was careful not to picture any imminent collapse of Communist control, but he observed significantly that if, as recent events foreshadow, there is likely to be more direct human contact between the West and the Communist world, the impact of our own educational system on that of the Soviet may become a factor of real significance. But, warned the CIA head, unless we quickly expand our scientific education, Soviet scientific manpower may outnumber ours in ten years. Today, he said, their top scientists appear to be equal in quality to those of the West, though they have fewer of them. Yet, in 1955, he said, the Soviets are graduating nearly twice as many scientists and engineers from universities than we are--about 120,000 to 70,000."

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